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Thanks

.. To those who assisted this week with the Year 7 and 8 Interschool Athletics, with the Senior Abseiling at Whangarei Falls, and with the team triathlon at K.H.S.

.. To Maree and Rowan Clements for judging of our art portfolios.

.. To those dedicated people who have delivered our Bible in School programme during 2012 and to Carina Wykes for her facilitation.

People of the week

.. Those children who found the time, at this busy time of year, to enter portfolios in our 2012 art competition.

.. Those children who have broken athletics records over recent weeks .. will elaborate on their achievements in next week's newsletter.

.. Olivia who has worked hard at St John's this year and won 2 major trophies at their prize giving this year, 1 for best teamwork and the other as Cadet of the year! Awesome Olivia, well done.

Good luck

.. To our home gardeners whose **GARDENS ARE JUDGED TOMORROW!**

.. To the year 5 and 6 students participating in next week's interschool athletics.

Coming up this term

1 December	Home Garden judging
3 December	Year 1 to 3 disco (lunchtime)
4 December	Year 5 and 6 Interschool Athletics
6 December	School team athletics day
7 December	Year 4 to 8 disco (more to follow)
11 December	BoT meeting
12 December	Reports sent home
13 December	School Prize Giving
18 December	Final day of school

School Team Athletics Day - 6 December

You might like to drop by Thursday 6 December to share our Team Athletics Day with us. As in earlier years the day will start with a rotation through various field and novelty events and culminate in competitive and social track events and a brief award ceremony at the end of the day. Gets underway at 9:20, lunch 12:20 to 1:00, prizegiving 2:40 (approx.) Please ensure children have their water bottle (named), sunhats, sunblock, suitable (sun safe) clothing and suitable footwear. *Thanks to Matarau Electrical who are sponsors of this year's Team Athletics Event.*

Art Exhibits

.. are available for viewing in the school library most of next week.

Lunchtime Athletics

As in earlier years an opportunity will be provided for children who missed lunchtime events, through no fault of their own, to compete against school standards. If your child has missed an event, and they would like this opportunity, please ask them to see Mr T on Monday morning. Weather permitting we will have a "mop up" on 5.12.

2012 Prize Giving Parents and Extended Family

Please keep the evening of Thursday 13th December free for our annual prize giving.
The evening will start at 7:00pm and will conclude approx 8.30pm with a supper.

Grandparents are welcome.

Families are asked to bring two plates please for a shared supper

– to be placed on tables which will be set up in the hall.

Remember that attendance on this night is quite optional for 5 year olds
(all other children are asked to be present please).

End of Year Prizegiving - Pre-schoolers

If you have a pre-schooler who will be attending prize giving and you would like them to get a small bag of goodies on the night please give Helen a call on Monday.

ALSO .. if we proceed with an outdoor prize giving (**weather permitting**) we ask that parents of pre-schoolers supervise their children closely to ensure that the children on the stage are properly acknowledged. **Please ensure pre-schoolers do not play on the nearby junior playground.** We will set up some DVDs in the library in case some time out is needed.



Plumbers / Roofers

We would like to have advice on the state of our school roofs to ensure we allocate sufficient funds for future work. If you are a plumber, or have roofing experience, we would be very grateful for your advice on the condition of our roofs .. won't take you long. If you could help please give Kevin a call on Monday.

Junior Disco

Bring your pyjamas and a gold coin donation on Monday 3rd December for a lunchtime disco for Years 1-3. Please bring your own lunch, as Monday lunches will not be running for the Years 1-3's on the 3rd.

Senior Disco

7-9pm on Friday 7th December. Bring \$2 and a plate of finger food per family. This disco will be held for Years 4-8's only. Parents will need to collect their children from the school hall at 9pm.

Leaving Books (Year 8)

Thank you parents for assisting in the purchase of a suitable book for your child. Books are to be returned to school no later than Monday 10th December please.

Assembly 2:30pm Monday 3rd December

At this assembly we will be handing out participation certificates for the International Schools Maths and English Competitions .. and various other certificates .. parents are most welcome to attend.

2013 School Stationery

As for 2012, stationery will need to be ordered online via the OfficeMax website - www.myschool.co.nz



Search for Matarau School and then your child's class. You will find complete class stationery lists with unit prices. Again as for 2012, the school has passed on its reward points to families, gaining you a further 10% cost advantage (the only school in NZ that has done this). Orders can be placed across the holidays for delivery before school starts. A brochure with current specials is included with this newsletter. If you do not have internet access please contact Helen for a printed list.

Classes for 2013

Class lists for 2013 will be displayed on the hall notice board on the afternoon of 14 December.

School Cups

Still a couple outstanding... it is now absolutely urgent that these be returned ... Monday please.



The Mobile Ear Clinic

.. will be outside the Bush Road Medical Centre 8:30 to 3:30 Tuesday 4 December. Pre-schoolers welcome.

A chance to thank and farewell Mrs Bruce - 5 December 2012

Parents and former students are invited to a farewell morning tea to be held for Mrs Bruce on Wednesday 5 December. Mrs Bruce has made an impact on many children and families during her twelve years at Matarau School and we would like her to know just how much her efforts (and irrepressible energy) have been appreciated. If you think you can make it please give Helen a call next week.

Interschool Athletics (Years 5 and 6)

.. will be held at Kensington Park on **Tuesday 4 December (years 5 and 6)**, qualifying children only. A reminder that children will travel by car (thanks to those helping out with this) and will need to wear Matarau T-shirts and bring lunch, drinks, sunhats, sunblock and something warm to wear just in case. Please contact Mr Schuster with any questions. Please ensure consents are returned to school early next week.

Parents of Room 8 children

During the recent Y4 camp the children worked with the Regional Council on an estuary study. The Council took photos and would like to use some of these in promotional material for distribution to some of their clients. If you **DO NOT** want your child's photo in this material (no close up photos or identification of names), then please contact Kevin on Monday 3rd December.

Parent Helpers Morning Tea – 11 December 2012

Parents / caregivers who have helped at school in any way this year are invited to a morning tea to be held in the staffroom on

Tuesday 11 December starting 10:30am.

This is our chance to thank you for the difference you have made to our school.

To help with catering please give Helen a call next week if you think you can come.

Home Garden Programme

Please note that gardens will not be visited if the Consent to Visit Form has not been returned to school.

Judging criteria for gardens are as follows ..



Criteria	Points	Criteria	Points
Diary	6	Health of Plants	4
Layout (incl thinning, spacing and staking)	4	Varieties of Plants	4
Pest Control	4	Creativity / originality	4
Weed Control	4		30

To assist judges please ensure .. that you have tied a balloon to your gatepost .. that your garden is well sign posted .. that dogs are tied up. Thank you.

Window on Kamo High School

We are very pleased to announce that the following former Matarau School students have been chosen as prefects for 2013 .. congratulations to these students and their parents.

★ Luke Baker

★ Mikaela Bayly

★ Steve Nink

★ Briar Whimp

Final word

This week one of our juniors explained to her teacher quite emphatically that she wanted to be a doctor when she grew up. When asked why, this child explained that it was so that she could make puddings. Apparently this child thought the puddings in hospital were pretty good. When reminded that doctors also helped people to get well the child responded that yes she would like to make puddings and help people to get well .. sounds a pretty good plan to us.

Regards,
Kevin Trehwella
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Never²Land 2012 Production

Here is your opportunity to preserve your memory of this years epic retelling of the rivalry between Peter Pan and Hook. DVD's are now on order through the School office. Limited stock, first in first served. Cost \$15. Orders close 7th December 2012. DVD's will be sent home by the end of Week 9.



Community Notices

For Sale - Jack Russell puppies. Ready for Christmas \$250. Ph Jenny 4355336 or 0273258617.

Big Day In - at Whangarei Public Library. Saturday 1st December. 10-1pm, info at morefm.co.nz

For Sale: Lime, great for the garden, lawns and paddocks - \$5.00 for a 10kg bag. ½ the price of retail shops. Phone Helen or William on 433 5512 to arrange delivery or pickup.

For Sale - Sheep Manure. Fundraiser to go to Molesworth Station. Call Michelle Martin on 4335061

KAMO AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB Kamo High School Pool, Wilkinson Ave, Kamo. *New members wanted.* **Stroke improvement classes** - Monday & Friday afternoons from 4.30pm For further enquiries contact Chris 433 5099 or Helen 433 5823 or Sharon 027 631 9361

NZ Badminton Academy - Opportunities to play, learn and train with NZ Badminton Academy. All levels welcome. Held at 41 Porowini Ave, Morningside, \$450 per term for members or \$50 per term for non members. For more info contact Kaleb Cookson 0212503965 or info@NZBA.net.nz.

A&P Summer Show - 8th and 9th December - Gate admission is \$5.00 per person, with under 5 year olds free year. The Suzie Moo Show will be held at the Summer Show at 10.00am; 12.00 noon; 2.00pm and 4.00pm.

Free 5 day School holidays learn-to-surf program for 11 to 17 year olds. Sandy Bay Tutukaka Coast Choose dates : Dec 17- 21 2012, or Jan 7-11, or 14-18, or 21-25 2013. Book now: Phone 434 4135 or email surf@tutukakasurf.co.nz

Lambs for Sale - 12+ weeks old, crutched & vaccinated \$80 each. Phone Helen 433 5512.

NYT Production - "The Blue Airplane" - 5th to 15th December 2012; for more info or tickets phone 438 4453 or email nytproduction@gmail.com

Whangarei Academy of Gymnastics (WAGS) new premises at the ASB Arena on Park Ave, Kensington. Lots more space, more classes - for all ages, toddlers, boys and girls. If you are interested, please ph our office on 4352990 or check out our new website www.wags.org.nz

Donations wanted for a Whangarei Family who lost all their belongings in a house fire early this month. Any donations would be appreciated. Please contact Melville & Ellis - 09 438 7022 for any further inquiries.

Whangarei Girls High School Create Market Day Come on down to the market day on Tuesday 4th December, starting at 1pm. Make sure you stop by the stall named JAR OF HEARTS.

Cartooning workshops at the Quarry Arts Centre from 21st January, 1/2 day at \$30. Phone 431 2029 or <http://www.zengrenade.com/>

Grazing available in the Hikurangi area for up to 65 heifers, prefer R1yr and older - ph 433 8664"

Hurupaki Educare School Holiday Programmes *Pre Christmas Holiday Programme* - We will be opening on 19th, 20th & 21st December, in the Hurupaki School Hall, 8am to 5.30pm. *January Holiday Programme* - From Monday 7th January, 8.00am to 5.30pm. Trips include the movies, lion park, Glenbervie Adventure Forest, day trips to Reotahi and Wellington's Bay, Barge Park and more. OSCAR accredited, families can apply for WINZ assistance. Contact Christine on 0274821331.



Comrie Park Kindergarten

Garage Sale/Community Day

Saturday 1st December 2012

8:00am - 12pm at the Kindergarten, Matarau Rd

Garage sale items, Christmas raffle, face painting, pony rides, sausage sizzle and more...

Gold coin donation to raise funds to buy new resources for our Kindergarten.

Fundraising

STILL OUTSTANDING - Chocolates and or Chocolate money was due back at school weeks ago... please return your money, chocolates or a combination of both urgently. *Thank you for your support.*